

Troopers Investigating Serious Motor Vehicle Crash – Middletown



Middletown – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash that sent five people to the hospital last night.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:38 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2018, on Bethel Church Road, east of Fairview Avenue, Middletown. A 2018 Ford Escape, being driven by a 53 year old Florida woman, was traveling eastbound on Bethel Church Road, just east of the intersection with Fairview Avenue. A 1997 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by a 34 year old Middletown woman was traveling westbound on Bethel Church Road, when she failed to negotiate a slight rightward curve in the roadway, crossing the double yellow center line and into the eastbound lane of travel, at which time she collided head on with the Ford. After the initial impact both vehicles came to rest in the eastbound lane of Bethel Church Road, facing in a northerly direction.

The driver of the Ford, along with two female passengers, ages

73 and 78, both of Middletown, were admitted to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the Pontiac was admitted to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries. A 1 year old male, rear seat passenger in the Pontiac was admitted to A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children with serious injuries.

Neither improper driving nor impairment is being considered as a factor on behalf of the driver of the Ford.

Impairment on behalf of the driver of the Pontiac is unknown at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and no charges have been filed at this time.

Bethel Church Road was closed for approximately 2 hours as the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact M/Cpl. J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8483.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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